

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



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CHEYENNE



January 2017

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Meeting—**January 2nd**, 6PM-Brianna Sargent on education in Germany

Open World delegation from Turkmenistan — **April 27 – May 3.**

FFI World Conference, Manchester England — **Aug 24~28, 2017**

Incoming Exchange — Manitoba, Canada — **Sept. 2017**

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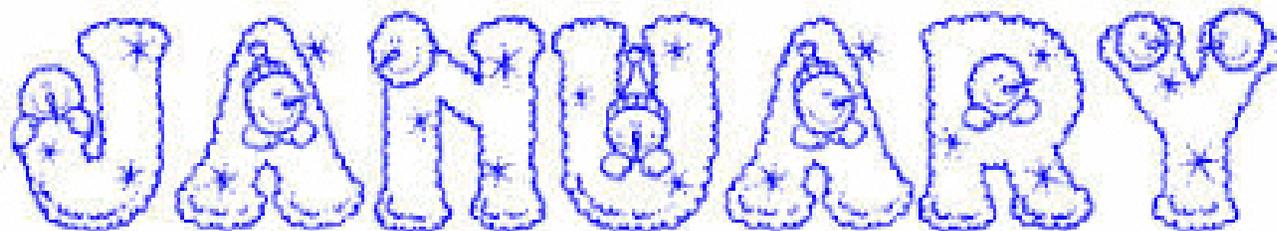
January 2nd.

**Monthly Meeting
pot luck dinner**

Casey's Club

507 West 28th Street
at 6 PM

Enter from west parking lot.



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2016 Reflections



As I looked back over our activities for 2016, I appreciated the involvement of our membership in making this past year successful for Friendship Force Cheyenne. Here are a few highlights of our year:

- 🌐 Monthly potluck meetings – The Casey Club is working out well for our meetings and there is always an abundance of good food! Thanks to Barbara Guilford, our program chair, we have had a wide variety of interesting programs including “Traveling Economically with Frequent Flyer Miles”, travelogues about Iceland & Panama Canal, education about Ukraine, and foreign Investment, reports on Calgary Stampede & Alberta Heritage Global Exchange and our club’s exchange to Penticton, BC. “Positively Cheyenne” gift certificates have been given out at our meetings.
- 🌐 Open World Program – We welcomed 5 delegates (three men and two women) from Ukraine, an interpreter, a facilitator, and an observer to Cheyenne Feb. 26 – March 5. Their week began with a public reception at Laramie County Library where the delegates shared information about Ukraine. Their purpose was to study government at all levels and they were either mayors or workers in Parliament in Ukraine. Thanks goes to John Kaiser who met the group in Washington, DC and arranged meetings with officials on the national, state, county, and local levels. Being an election year, they went to a Bernie Sanders Support Committee session and the Laramie County Republican Caucus. In addition, they toured Warren AFB, Children’s Discovery Center at LCCC, Alta Vista School learning about handicap services, the National Computer for Atmospheric Research, and the Cheyenne Depot museum.

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2017 Officers

John Lee, Julie Bolin, Bev Swistowicz, Dave Bentzin

Reflections:

They enjoyed a private legislative reception, the Cheyenne Symphony, and our traditional Milkcan Dinner. They even squeezed in a little shopping. A tremendous amount of information was shared and many questions were asked. Only two delegates spoke any English, but we found ways to communicate and the interpreter and facilitator earned their pay! It was definitely a learning week for both the delegates and the FF members involved. Thanks goes to all those who helped make this week possible – the hosts, drivers, schedulers, and members who made them feel welcome! (As a side note, the reports on this exchange were so positive that Open World specifically requested Cheyenne to host another government exchange for a delegation from Turkmenistan in 2017.)

🌐 Peaks to Plains Global Exchange – This was a first for Wyoming/Colorado. In September, a group of 21 ambassadors from US, Canada, and New Zealand met in Cheyenne to begin an exchange that included our club, Northern Colorado, Denver, and Pikes Peak. Spending 3 nights with each club, they got the varied flavor of the west. While in Cheyenne, they visited a ranch, had a picnic and hike at Vedauwoo, rode the train and ate bison at the Terry Bison Ranch, got acquainted at Mix-n-Match dinners, and enjoyed a Milkcan dinner. Thank you to Jan Behrens, the ED for this exchange, and again to each FF member who hosted, drove, or helped out in other ways.

🌐 Cheyenne to Penticton, BC Outbound Exchange – At the end of August, 13 ambassadors from our club visited Penticton, BC. Penticton sits in a beautiful valley between Okanagan Lake and Skaha Lake. It is surrounded by vineyards and fruit orchards. We visited vineyards (over 100 in the area), the Gleaners (a non-profit that turns donated produce into dried soup mix that feeds 9.6 million people in 55 countries), CHIME (Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment that uses radio waves to explore the outer reaches of the universe), NK'MIP Desert Cultural Center (a tribute and history of Canada's First People), farmers markets, and hiked,

biked, and walked on beautiful trails. The best part, as always, was meeting new friends and learning the culture of another part of the world. Hopefully we will host Penticton in 2018.

🌐 Regional Conference – Seven members attended the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Grand Junction, CO. The theme was “New Directions”. Attendees watched a video message from Jeremi Snook, the new FFI CEO, listened to the Keynote Address “What’s Up” by Matthew Nidek, Director of Operations, and attended workshop sessions on marketing and recruitment, leadership, enriching exchanges. Barbara Guilford completed her two-year term as Regional Representative. We appreciate her work for the Rocky Mountain Region.

🌐 Cheyenne – Northern Colorado Annual Picnic – Cheyenne was the host for the annual picnic held at Holliday Park. Many members from both clubs enjoyed camaraderie and good food. David Larsen was awarded the Spirit of Friendship award from the Cheyenne Club for his dedicated work on our newsletter and website.

🌐 Bruni Naylor Scholarship – The Naylor family designated memorial contributions for a scholarship to be used for study in Germany. Brianna Sargent, a college student, was awarded this scholarship for a summer educational experience in Germany in 2016.

Finally, thank you to all members of this Cheyenne Friendship Force Club. A few were mentioned specifically, but it takes all of us working together to have a successful club. It’s been a pleasure to work with all the officers and committee chairmen. You are the glue that holds us together. And to the loyal members who lend support, talent and enthusiasm whenever it’s needed, thank you! It’s been a great year!

In friendship,

Judy Eatmon, 2016 President

from The Peripatetic President

Dear Friends,

Thanks to President Judy and our Committee Chairs, the transition is off to a great start.

🌐 We will be hosting an Open World delegation from Turkmenistan April 27 – May 3.

Many thanks to John Kaiser for agreeing to be our Open World Leader once again. Have you ever wanted to meet people from Central Asia? Well, jump on the opportunity by volunteering to help John.

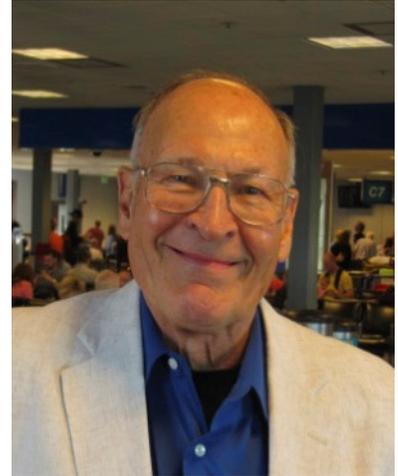
🌐 Barbara Guilford and I have been working on the schedule for our club programs. While not entirely firmed up, we're already working on April.

The Program on January 2 will be Brianna Sargent, our Bruni Naylor FF scholarship recipient. Brianna will be speaking on "Education in Germany". Do you know students, families, or teachers involved in German language education? How about people who enjoy German cultural activities – in addition to eating bratwurst? Invite them to be your guest to hear Brianna's program.

And also, thanks to our great Newsletter Editor, David Larsen, for his guidance in preparing this first letter from your Peripatetic President.

Wishing you all Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year

Dave Bentzin



Ed's note: I had to look it up, so to save you the trouble, here's the definition:

per·i·pa·tet·ic [per- uh-p uh- tet-ik]

ADJECTIVE

1. walking or traveling about; itinerant.
2. (initial capital letter) of or relating to Aristotle, who taught philosophy while walking in the Lyceum of ancient Athens.

Meet our President

Dave Bentzin

I formerly lived in the Denver area and am a 30-year member of the FF-Denver. Since 2009, I have served as club President, as Exchange Director four times, and Assistant ED two times. In addition, my club activity has included being the Program Chair and, most recently, the leader of the Membership Development Committee. That effort with many of our members resulted in FFI recognition for our club at the 2014 Auckland Conference.

Since moving to Casper, I also joined the FF of Cheyenne (Wyoming). And Surprise! I am now the club President.

I am a retired petroleum exploration geologist and am presently an International Travel Consultant of 20+ years experience. (I've visited over 50 countries.) My experience has been applied to help our club, and others, with many Outbound Exchange trips, and local daytrip itineraries. Professionally, I continue to help clients with their travel insurance, cruises, tours, and international travel itineraries.

Hiking is a big interest with a present focus on exploring for minerals and fossils with friends in the Wyoming countryside. However, we never ignore the beauty of the wildflowers. Museums of history (of anything), or art (especially 19th Century) are always fascinating. And finally, I just love to taste wines of various varietals and countries. (In 2013-14 I worked with Yvonne Shakes of FF-Adelaide to create a "Wine-tasting Theme Exchange" that visited three Australian FF clubs and seven distinct wine districts.)

My daughter and her husband live here in Casper. Barb is a pilot for United Airlines and Bob is a petroleum well-site geologist. My son, Michael, lives in Buena Vista, Colorado where he is a craftsman of many skills and specializes in custom woodwork.

December Minutes

December 12, 2016

Nineteen members enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Rib and Chop House in Cheyenne.

The members elected new officers for 2017:

David Bentzen, President

John Lee, Vice President

Julie Bolin, Treasurer

Beverly Swistowicz, Secretary

Judy Eatmon shared the request that we host an Open World exchange for Members of Parliament from Turkmenistan (5 delegates, 1 facilitator and 1 interpreter). The host dates would be April 26-May 4, 2017. David Bentzen reminded the group that we would need home hosts, and help with transportation and day activities. John Kaiser said he would coordinate the activities for the exchange. After discussion it was decided we could host exchange.

The January meeting will be the 1st Monday, January 2. The program will be Brianna Sargent, the recipient of the Bruni Naylor FF scholarship. Brianna will tell us about her educational experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Swistowicz



Dues were due Dec 15th for 2017.

Please complete the form on our website, so we have current contact info. \$30 for Individual and \$50 for Family memberships.

Remember that Membership Renewals for 2017 are past due. Please use the form (website listed below), and mail to Donna Logan. Please let us know which committees you would like to work on. It is OK to mark more than one. Underline your first choice. The objective is to have a lot of people, each doing a little bit of work, but participating in the workings of the club. If you have questions, ask any board member.

www.friendshipforcecheyenne.org/Membership.html



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INTERNATIONAL

A link to the Friendship Force International end of the year video statement by CEO Jeremi Snook is on our website: www.friendshipforcecheyenne.org/

Friendship Force Pledge

“As a member of the Friendship Force I recognize that I can make a difference, I recognize that I have a mission; that mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, The cause of friendship, love, and peace will be furthered. I can make a difference.”